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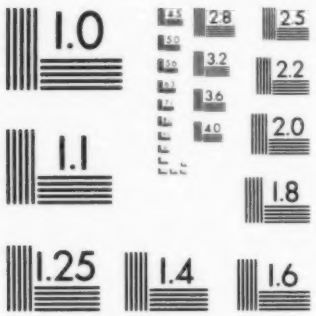

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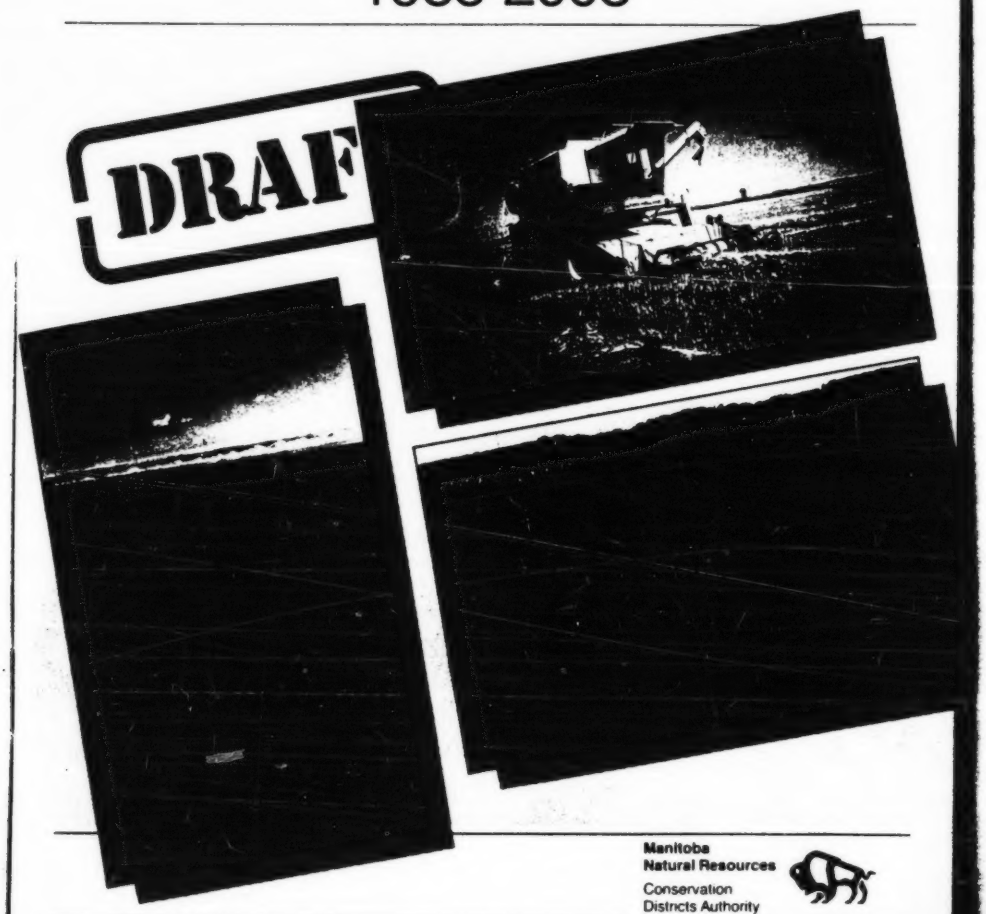

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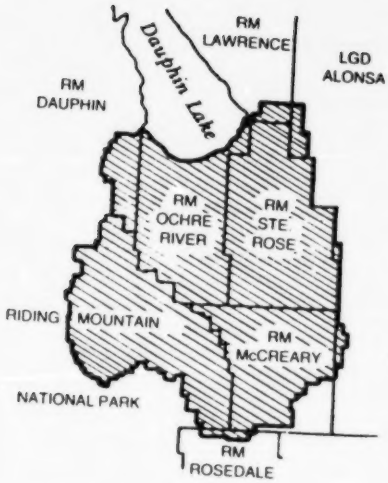

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Dear Resident:

Here is a proposed draft management plan for the District for you to consider.

Your Feedback Invaluable. We have based it on your response to the "Issues and Options" brochure that we sent out in the spring. It also incorporates suggestions and feedback from the rest of the community, as well as from interest groups and involved government departments who share our concerns for the long-term well-being and prosperity of the Turtle River area.

Seven Part Budget. It covers proposed programs in seven categories, from water management to program evaluation. In each category we have explained what we propose to accomplish and put a price tag on activities to give you some perspective on the relative importance of programs. And we have taken a hard look at sources of funding so everyone knows exactly where the money is coming from.

20-Year Picture. Our long-range guidelines and objectves are set out in a separate section so that you have a big picture of the direction we propose to take over the next 20 years.

All ideas in this Draft Plan are only proposed ideas. We need your comments on them before we can shape them into a final plan for the District.

Talk It Over. Please talk these proposals over with friends and neighbours during the next few months. In January, we will hold some open houses again to get your reactions. In the meantime, if you have any questions about what we are proposing, please let us know. We need to know if we're still on the right track.

Sincerely

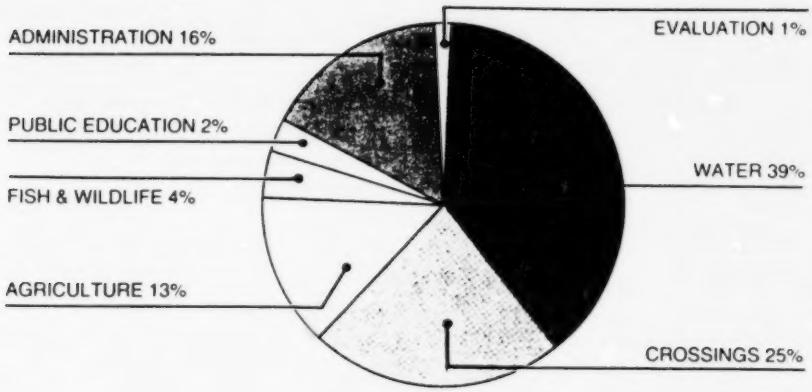
Barry B. Durston

Barry B. Durston
Chairperson, Turtle River Watershed Conservation District
Ste. Rose du Lac, December 1987

Here are the highlights of the Draft Plan for the District. Details are presented in the rest of the booklet.

Highlights

Proposed Spending in % of 5-Year, $4.2 Million Budget



- Board is proposing a $4.2 million program over the next 5 years.
- About half the budget will cover soil and water management.
- Annual program growth over next 5 years estimated to keep pace with inflation.
- Master Drainage Plan proposed to help community understand better where drainage is needed and why.
- Board proposes a new strategy for managing crossings, with $1 million to be spent over next 5 years on replacement, repair and closure.
- Board proposes to establish conservation reserves to protect key natural areas in the district.
- No increase expected in mil rate over next 5 years.
- Board intends major plan review involving community in 1992.
- Board places high priority on securing external funds to support programs.
- Board committed to public consultation. An annual newsletter is proposed to keep community involved and participating in Board programs.

Public Response

The "Issues & Options" brochure was distributed to 2200 households throughout the District in March. Copies also went out to six municipal councils, several special interest groups, and relevant departments in the provincial government.

In follow-up activities from March to August, the Board hosted:

- a workshop with municipal councils
- 3 open houses in Ochre River, Ste. Rose, and McCreary
- a meeting with officials from Riding Mountain National Park
- informal discussions throughout the summer.

Positive Response. Response to the brochure was generally positive. The community approved of the Board's emphasis on community input in the preparation of a management plan for the District.

Water Management Considered Key. People felt that water management should continue as the Board's top priority. Soil management was also seen as a key item that should not be neglected.

Lake Dauphin Role Raises Questions. The Board's role in managing water levels and other associated problems on Lake Dauphin was a popular topic of discussion. (Our role is still undecided.)

"Systems" Approach Seen as Essential. Reviewers stressed the importance of managing the District's drainage system in its entirety rather than piecemeal.

The community wants the Board to find cheaper and more efficient ways of repairing and replacing crossings while minimizing inconvience without sacrificing public safety.

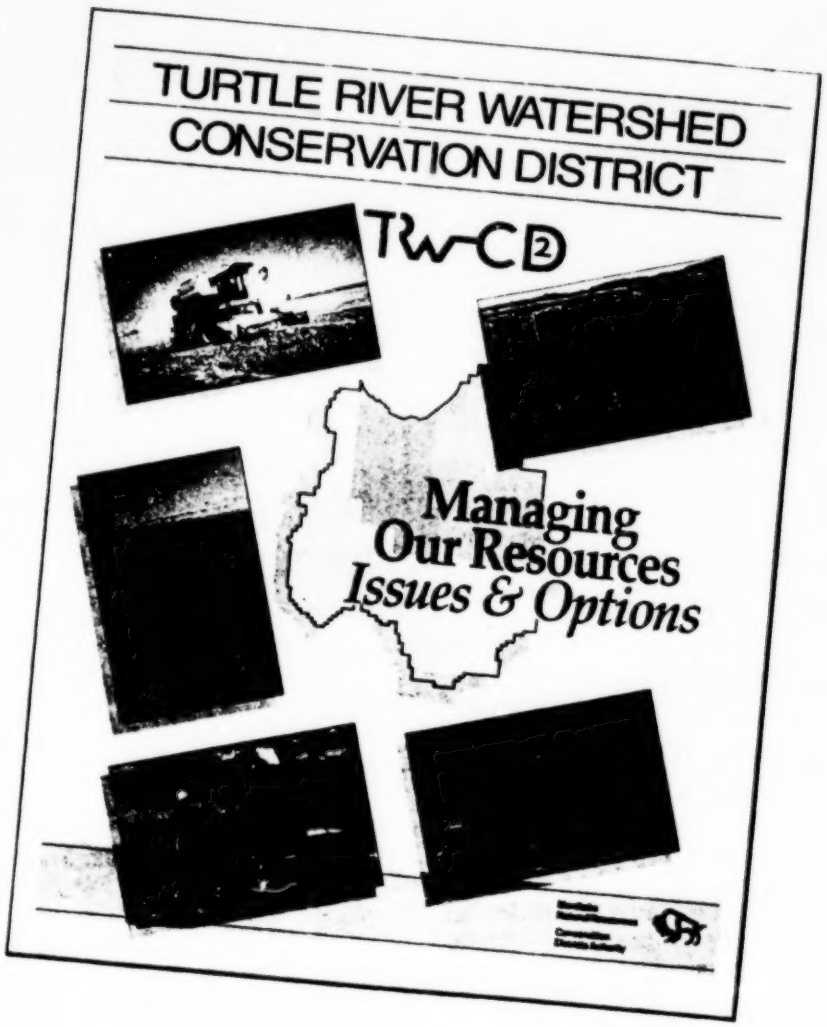
Better Control of Forage Program Urged. The Forage Program received support, although it was generally felt that more attention should be given to targetting the seed to specific problem areas.

Habitat Preservation Sparks Interest. Preservation of key natural habitat areas for fish and wildlife appears to be an issue of growing interest in the District.

Examples cited included Beaver Dam Lake and Turtle Marsh, both of which could be managed locally with cooperation from local and outside sources.

The Manitoba Wildlife Federation and the Westlake Wildlife Association both offered to help us.

More involvement in Recreation Projects. The Board was asked to step up its involvement in local recreation projects by working with local associations and councils in developing and managing low cost facilities, especially near Lake Dauphin.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Managing
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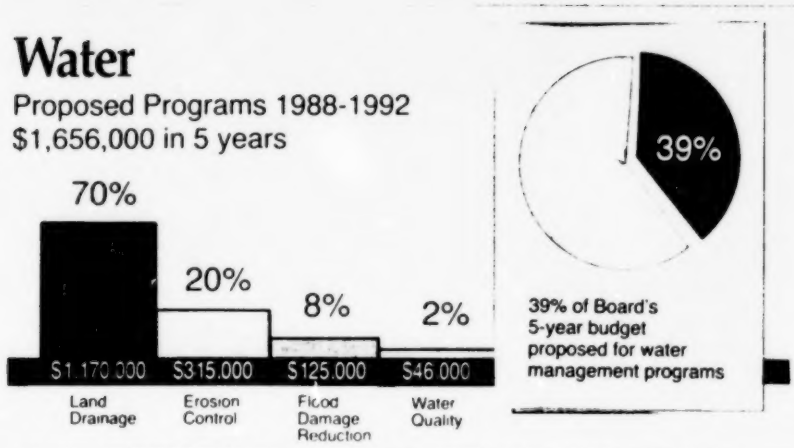
Issues & Options



Water Management

Land Drainage

Agricultural land drainage is the most important part of the Board's water management program.

Proposed spending in this category represents about $1,000,000 or 25% of the Board's entire spending in the next 5 years.

Land drainage projects fall under two headings: maintaining the existing drainage system, and upgrading key areas.

Maintenance would cover brush removal, spraying, and silt removal and cost roughly $1,000 - $10,000 per mile.

Upgrading would cover improving key systems to a higher standard where feasible.

We have prepared a preliminary set of drainage guidelines for District lands (see opposite).

The guidelines, or revisions of them, will form the basis of a master drainage plan that we are committed to preparing.

The Drainage Plan would see management of District drainage systems in their entirety rather than piecemeal. Wherever possible, water would be left in its natural runs.

Erosion Control

The Board proposes to spend about $300,000 over the next 5 years to control water erosion, particularly near the Park.

Grassed Waterways. We plan to expand our grassed waterways program to include incentives for farmers to build low-cost, easy-to-maintain natural runways to prevent gullying in erosion prone areas.

We're thinking in terms of about 15 runways in 5 years. The cost of runways — about $3,000 each — would be shared with landowners.

Gradient Control Structures. The Board proposes to construct two demonstration structures as pilot projects along Wilson Creek in the next 5 years to decrease sediment loading and erosion.

We also plan to select about three other sites near the Park to test bank stabilization techniques such as concrete, fieldstone, ties, and gabion baskets.

Proposed Drainage Guidelines

The Board proposes to draw up a detailed master drainage plan for the District in the next 12-18 months.

The drainage plan would ensure that the most deserving areas receive the right kind of drainage.

Board drainage priorities will be developed with the help of the municipalities.

In the meantime, here is our general thinking on drainage:

- New drainage projects would be undertaken only within the framework of a master drainage plan, which would contain detailed maintenance and upgrading projects.
- The Board's first priority would be to maintain existing drainage systems.

We expect that by 1995, about 75% of our annual drainage budget would be spent on drain maintenance.

- The Board's second priority would be to upgrade several key drainage systems to higher standards, in addition to our maintenance program.

New agricultural systems may be constructed where justified but would be a low priority.

- Drainage projects would be designed to remove excess summer rainfall from agricultural land where production is adversely affected.

As a "rule of thumb" we propose the drainage standards shown in the chart below.

- In making decisions on drainage, the Board would take into account:

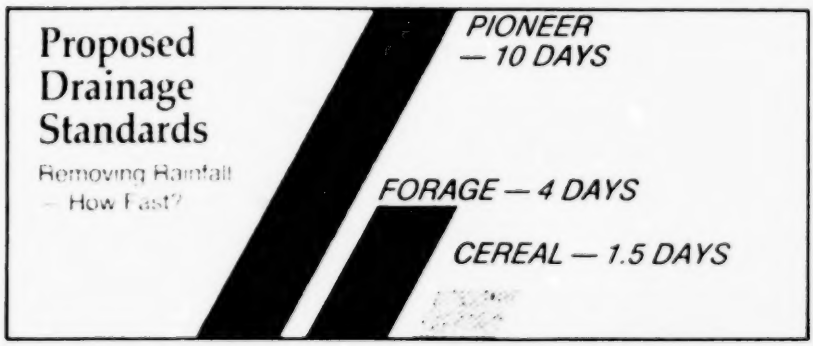
— productive capability of the land

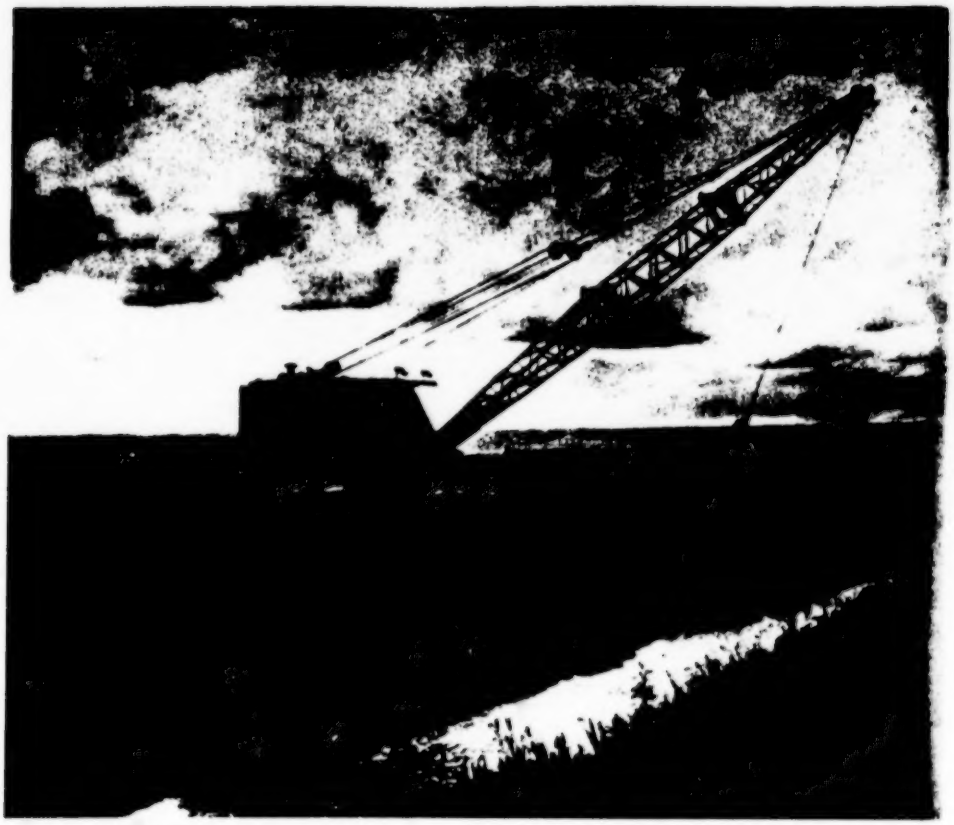
— drainage area

— existing and potential land use

— project benefits as related to total project costs

— sources of funding (Board, Province, municipality).





Flood Damage Reduction

The Board expects to spend about $125,000 over the next 5 years on flood damage reduction — *a totally different program than land drainage.*

Ring Dyking. We plan to develop a new rural ring dyking program to protect people and property in yard sites subject to serious flooding.

We are aiming to tackle 10 yard sites in 5 years, for about $5,000 - $10,000 per project.

No locations have been picked yet. Cost sharing with outside sources and the farmer would be essential.

Icing Program. Although the Board does not normally remove ice and snow from culverts and drains, we are considering a pilot icing program to help municipalities and farmers when icings reach emergency proportions.

We would also like to work with municipalities to experiment with materials and equipment for reducing icing and the damage it can cause.

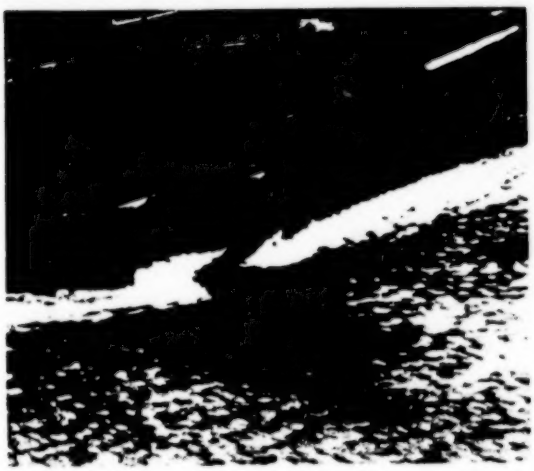
Urban Flood Protection. We do not plan to take a lead role in urban flood protection for towns and villages.

But we are ready to help communities negotiate external funding for flood protection if the need arises.

Water Quality

We propose to introduce a new water quality monitoring program with the help of the Departments of Environment and Natural Resources.

The program, which would total $46,000 over 5 years, would help the Board and the community maintain and possibly improve the surface water quality of District creeks and streams.



If necessary, the Board would also monitor key groundwater resources to safeguard water quality.

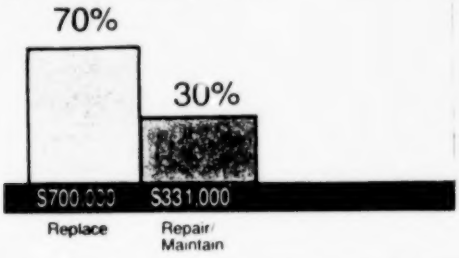
Results of the monitoring program will be sent to everyone regularly because we all have a responsibility to make sure our future generations have clean water.

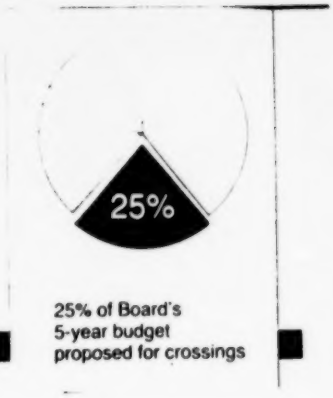
Proposed 5-Year Program – Water Management

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Land Drainage	260,000	230,000	240,000	210,000	230,000	1,170,000
Erosion Control	40,000	70,000	55,000	85,000	65,000	315,000
Flood Damage Reduction	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	125,000
Water Quality	6,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	46,000
TOTALS	331,000	335,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	1,656,000

Crossings

Proposed Programs 1988-1992
$1 million in 5 years





Most crossings in the District were built mainly by hand in the 1940's and 1950's and are quickly approaching the end of their design life.

This year, we started looking at how we were managing the crossing problem as a community. The municipalities helped by giving us general road priorities.

We categorized the condition of the 672 crossings under our control. From this information we found the following:

Some 50 crossings are in critical condition today. However, we estimate an additional 35 crossings will become critical in the next 5 years. The problem is that crossings checked out as safe today may rapidly find their way onto the critical list.

Over the next 5 years we plan on rebuilding or replacing about 60 crossings and either providing alternate access or abandoning another 10. Within the next 5 years we propose to have attended to roughly 70 of the 85 critical crossings.

We also expect to continue investigating alternative types of crossings on a demonstration basis. The Wilson Creek crossing is an example.

As a last alternative it may be necessary to close certain crossings temporarily, and in some case permanently, in the interest of public safety and to make the best use of limited dollars.

We have asked the councils to re-evaluate their road and crossing priorities to help us make the right decisions.

Together we plan to take a hard look at how valuable each crossing is to the community in determining whether to keep questionable crossings open.

Also, we do not intend to manage any crossings over natural water channels.

In making decisions on crossings, the Board would take into account:

- public or private access of crossing
- uses of crossing
- number of ratepayers affected
- cost to solve problem
- financing options.

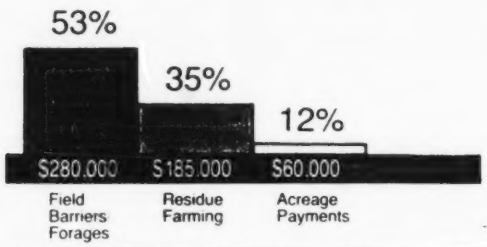
Before and after shots of the Wilson Creek Crossing south-east of McCreary. Installed in the summer of 1987.

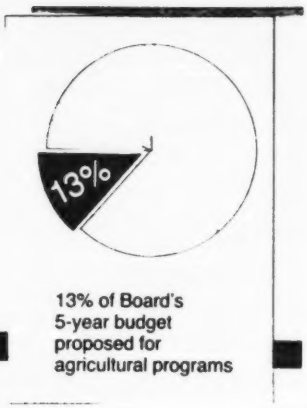
Proposed 5-Year Program – Crossings

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Replacement	120,000	130,000	140,000	150,000	160,000	700,000
Repair	66,000	66,000	66,000	66,000	67,000	331,000
TOTALS	186,000	196,000	206,000	216,000	227,000	1,031,000

Agriculture

Proposed Programs 1988-1992
$525,000 in 5 years





Agricultural programs would focus on controlling wind and water erosion, with emphasis on soil conservation incentives for farmers.

Since our Agri-Food program was introduced in 1984, the Board has been very pleased with response to its soils programs.

When Agri-Food ends in 1989, we intend to continue providing as many soils conservation programs as possible.

Field Barriers/Forages

To help minimize wind and water erosion, the Board is proposing to continue its forage seed program at about $30,000 per year. In addition, the Board intends to introduce a buffer strip program to improve ditchbank management and reduce long-term drain maintenance costs.

We are also investigating incentives for other types of programs such as pasture management, critical area treatment and salinity control.

Residue Farming

The Board proposes continuing incentives to encourage farmers to try conservation tillage methods.

Several techniques are currently being demonstrated under Agri-Food. We will work to ensure that a residue management program continues after Agri-Food expires.

Some areas of the District are best suited to combinations of forage production and permanent vegetative cover. Other areas are better suited to more intensive annual crop production and forage land uses.

The Board proposes to accommodate these differences by targetting its proposed soil conservation programs to specific areas of the District.

Acreage Payments

The Board is considering a trial soils incentive program which would involve limited acreage payments to help minimize erosion. We will be discussing this concept in further detail with Department of Agriculture.

Land Use

Except for the RM of Dauphin, there are no local planning documents in place for any of our member municipalities.

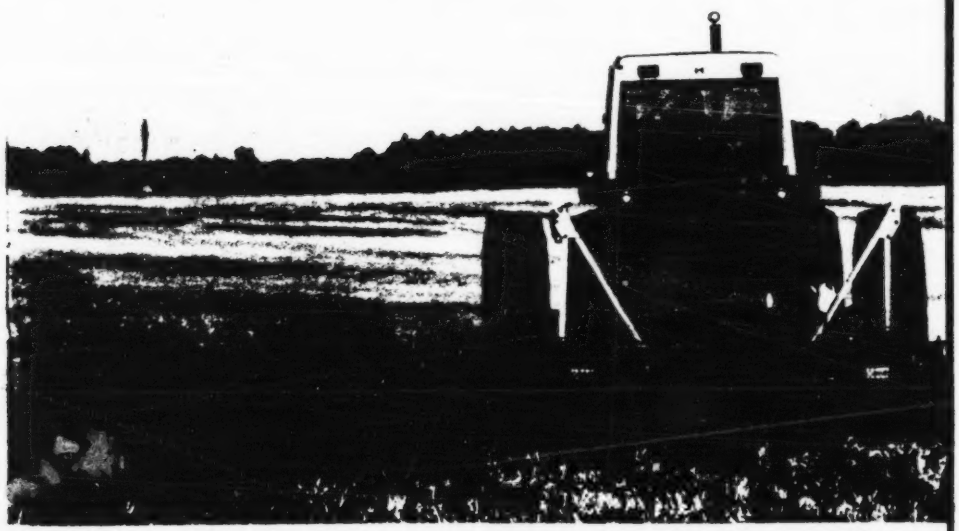
Our management plans will be mainly tailored to private lands in the District.

But good resource management applies to private and Crown land alike.

We propose to work with the Provincial Government to ensure that our programs are compatible with Crown land planning and Provincial Land Use Policies in the District.

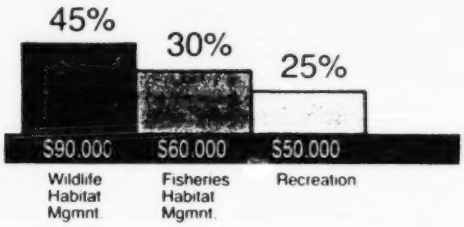
Proposed 5-Year Program – Agriculture

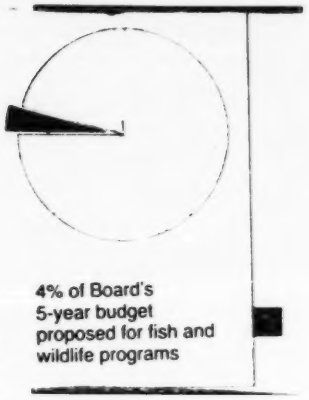
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Field Barriers/ Forages	40,000	50,000	55,000	65,000	70,000	280,000
Residue Farming	45,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	185,000
Acreage Payments	10,000	15,000	15,000	10,000	10,000	60,000
TOTALS	95,000	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	525,000



Fish & Wildlife

Proposed Programs 1988-1992
$200,000 in 5 years





Proposed fish and wildlife programs focus mainly on managing several key habitat areas for multiple benefits.

We intend to coordinate programs with the Provincial Government, Manitoba Wildlife Federation, Ducks Unlimited, and other interested groups to make sure that fish and wildlife management programs meet the needs of the community. We want to represent the community on important local issues.

Wildlife Habitat Management

We propose to set aside about $90,000 over 5 years to protect key parcels of wildlife habitat in the District.

Land acquisition will be an important part of the program.

We have already started investigating ways of managing Beaver Dam Lake area and Crawford Marsh.

These multi-purpose areas and others provide valuable water management benefits besides wildlife habitat.

The Board is also thinking of working with municipalities to protect unused road allowances as conservation corridors.

An incentive program to preserve certain valuable parcels of habitat is currently under consideration.

As we mentioned earlier, we will be taking steps to ensure that Crown lands best suited for wildlife habitat stay that way.

Fisheries Habitat Management

Proposed projects include:

- rehabilitating streams for fish spawing habitat
- developing a boat launch on the Turtle River to improve access to Lake Dauphin for sport angling.

We will be encouraging local game and fish groups, municipalities, and individuals to take part in habitat projects.

Examples of possible fisheries project sites are Turtle Marsh, the Hansen Creek area, and the Crawford Creek area.

We will attempt to schedule construction of major projects at times of the year not critical to fish and wildlife.

We also intend to consult with the Fisheries and Wildlife Branches, where feasible, when designing major stream crossings.

Recreation

Part of the fish & wildlife budget has been reserved for the creation of low-cost, low-maintenance day use parks and picnic areas, such as Ochre Beach and Welcome Beach on Lake Dauphin.

The Board would like to ensure that small special areas, such as Skene's Crossing, remain unharmed for future generations.

These areas could display local history, provide quiet recreation times, and be used for fish and wildlife interpretive facilities.

Proposed 5-Year Program – Fish & Wildlife

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Wildlife Habitat Management	17,000	15,000	22,000	19,000	17,000	90,000
Fisheries Habitat Management	5,000	7,000	12,000	16,000	20,000	60,000
Recreation	15,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	5,000	50,000
TOTALS	37,000	32,000	44,000	45,000	42,000	200,000

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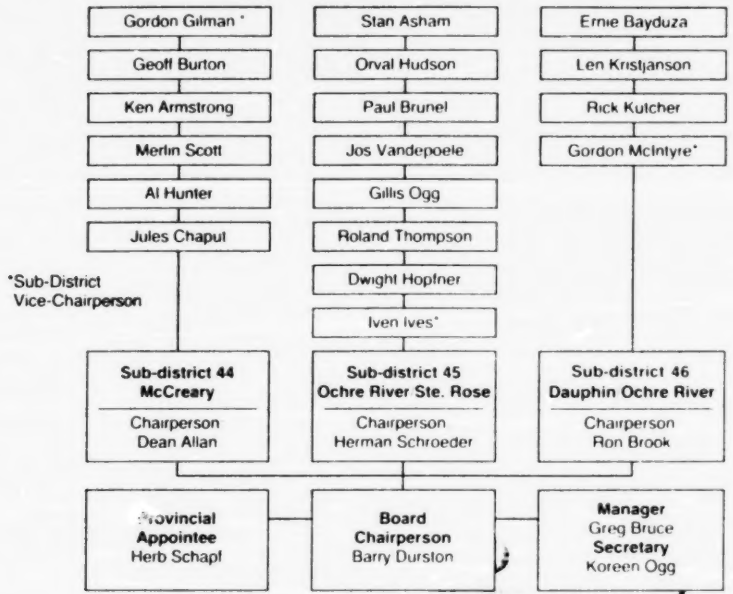

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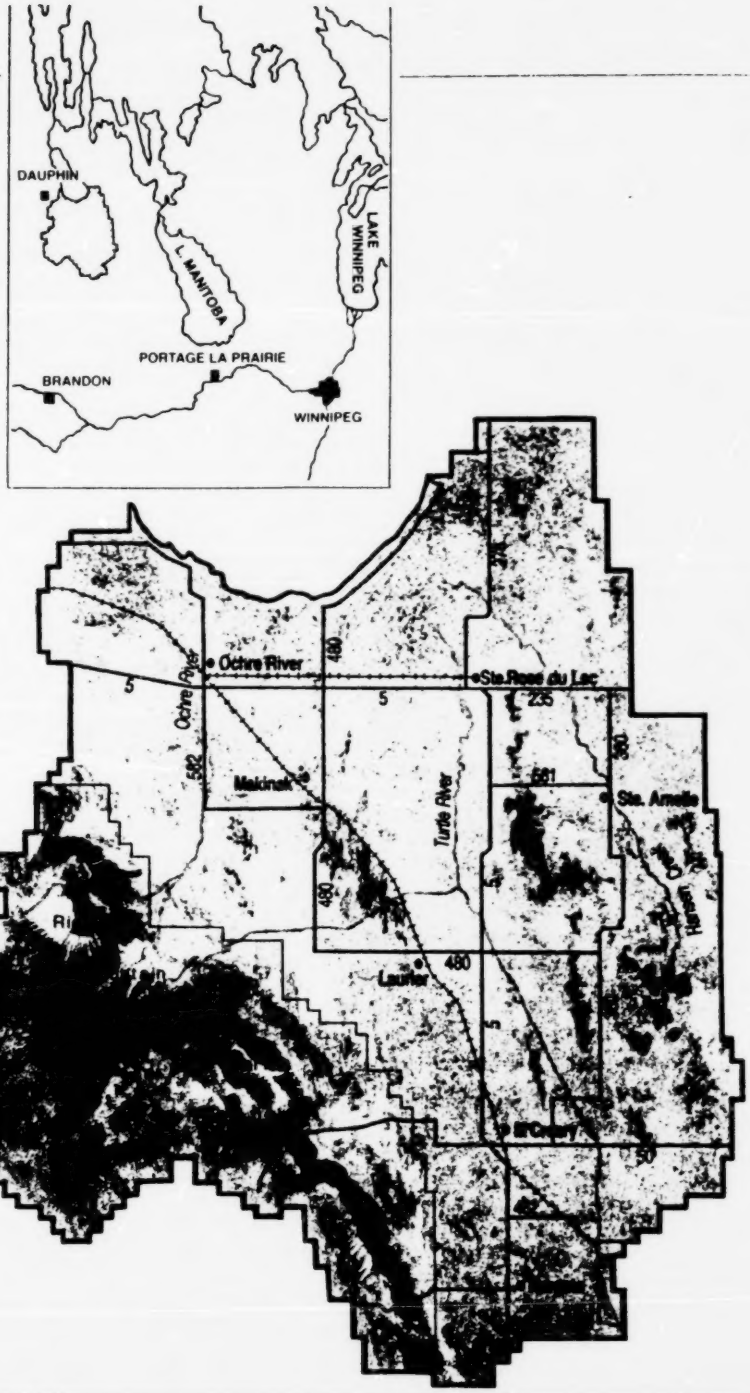
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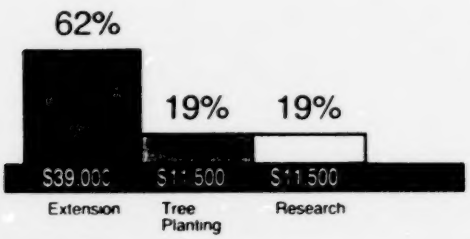
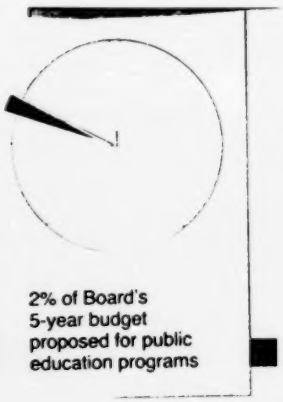
Public Education

Proposed Programs 1988-1992
$62,000 in 5 years





Extension

The Board proposes to:

- work with the school board and Department of Education to introduce more conservation education in the school curriculum
- make presentations and provide information packages to schools and other groups on resource management
- host an annual "Conservation Day"
- investigate ways that Riding Mountain National Park and the Board can cooperate in teaching conservation education throughout the region. Wilson Creek Headwater Storage Area is a prime example of a cooperative teaching field site.
- help local wildlife associations and the Provincial Government promote local tourism.

Tree Planting

We intend to continue our tree planting programs in cooperation with the Forestry Branch & PFRA. Despite the low cost of these programs, they offer considerable benefit to the community, particularly because they involve children in our area.

Research

We propose to host seminars and workshops on specific subjects throughout the year as the need arises. We also plan to send some of our staff and possibly several local teachers on training courses in conservation about once a year.

We would like to sponsor an annual award, possibly through 4-H and local schools, for conservation demonstration projects.

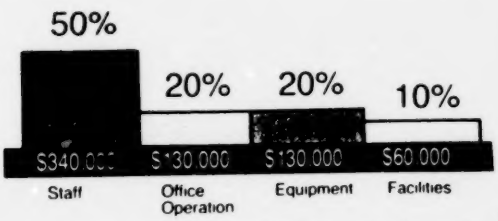
Winners would receive awards annually totalling $1500.

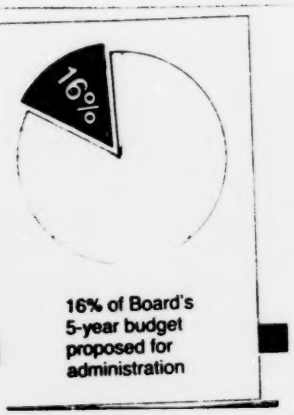
Proposed 5-Year Program – Public Education

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Extension	4,000	5,000	8,000	11,000	11,000	39,000
Tree Planting	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	3,500	11,500
Research	—	2,500	2,500	2,500	4,000	11,500
TOTALS	6,000	9,500	12,500	15,500	18,500	62,000

Administration

Proposed Programs 1988-1992
$660,000 in 5 years





Our goal is to limit administrative costs at about 16% of total program costs over the long-term.

We recently built a new maintenance shed and invested in our own labour crew. We have also taken a greater role in administering our budget, for more local control of our overall program.

As the program grows, we plan to look into ways of financing a resource technician to help manage projects.

One approach we're considering is to levy an administrative charge on programs funded or cost-shared with external agencies.

Proposed 5-Year Program – Administration

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Staff	62,000	65,000	68,000	71,000	74,000	340,000
Office Operation	24,000	25,000	26,000	27,000	28,000	130,000
Equipment	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	130,000
Facilities	10,000	11,000	12,000	13,000	14,000	60,000
TOTALS	122,000	127,000	132,000	137,000	142,000	660,000

Turtle River Watershed Conservation District

Incorporated in 1975, the Turtle River Watershed Conservation District covers over 900 square miles and has a total land assessment of nearly $7 million.

It includes the RM's of Ochre River and Ste. Rose, parts of the RM's of Dauphin, McCreary, Rosedale, and Lawrence, the LGD of Alonsa, and the Villages of Ste. Rose du Lac and McCreary.

District topography varies from the Riding Mountain uplands to the lowlands near Lake Dauphin. Annual crop production is the dominant land use, followed by forages and livestock operations.

Managing the resources of the District for the benefit and enjoyment of residents, now and in the future, is the purpose of a management plan for the District.

Our address is:
Turtle River Watershed Conservation District
Box 449
Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba
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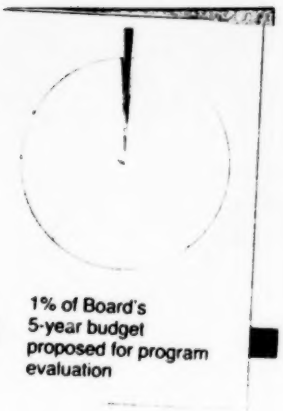
We're in the Municipal Building in Ste. Rose.

Program Evaluation

Proposed Programs 1988-1992
$41,300 in 5 years



1% of Board's 5-year budget proposed for program evaluation

We are proposing several small monitoring projects to determine how well our programs are working.

For example, we plan to monitor selected fields over a number of years to keep tabs on the effectiveness of our soil erosion and salinity control projects.

With the help of Department of Environment, we would like to set up a handful of water quality monitoring stations on key streams and rivers in the District.

The Manitoba Surface Water Quality objectives will be consulted for guidance on quality requirements for various surface water uses in the District.

We will continue to use air photographs and satellite images to better understand land use changes in our area and, in particular, help protect our wildlife habitat.

And we will continue monitoring the condition of our crossings with the help of the Department of Natural Resources.

From time to time, we will be asking you to help evaluate programs through questionnaires, surveys, and interviews.

Our long range goal is to pay more attention to program evaluation to make sure we are doing the best possible job.

Proposed 5-Year Program – Program Evaluation

1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
7,500	7,800	8,300	8,600	9,100	41,300

Budget Overview by Major Category 1988 to 1992

The following table shows total spending proposed for each of the seven major categories in the first 5 years of the program.

It gives a good overview of the relative importance placed on each aspect of the program as the years progress.

This budget overview is an estimate only. The Board intends to use it as a target to make sure we are going in the right direction over the next five years.

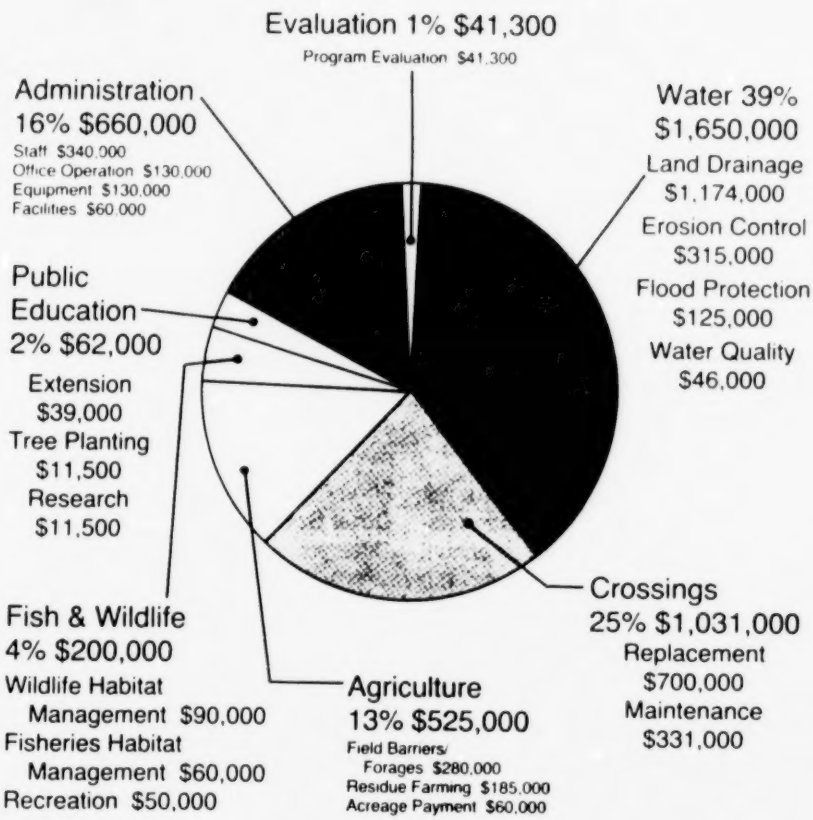
Proposed 5-Year Budget by Major Category

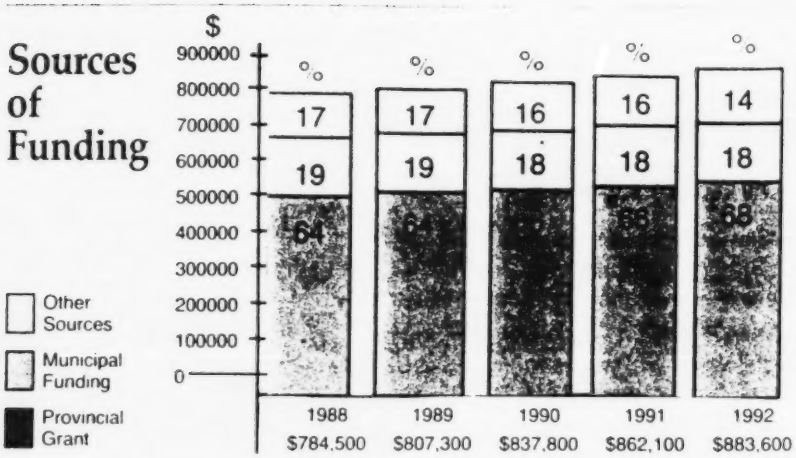
	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
Water	331,000	335,000	330,000	330,000	330,000	1,656,000
Crossings	186,000	196,000	206,000	216,000	227,000	1,031,000
Agriculture	95,000	100,000	105,000	110,000	115,000	525,000
Fish and Wildlife	37,000	32,000	44,000	45,000	42,000	200,000
Public Education	6,000	9,500	12,500	15,500	18,500	62,000
Administration	122,000	127,000	132,000	137,000	142,000	660,000
Program Evaluation	7,500	7,800	8,300	8,600	9,100	41,300
TOTALS	784,500	807,300	837,800	862,100	883,600	4,175,300

Note: Annual growth of the budget is about 4%, or 0% after inflation.

Comparative Summary of Proposed Spending 5-Year Totals

These figures provide an overview of proposed spending on projects in each of the seven major categories of the program





Financing Our Programs

The Board proposes to finance its 5-year, $4.2-million program from three sources: the Provincial Grant, municipal contributions, and "Other Sources."

Provincial

We have relied heavily on a Provincial Grant from Natural Resources to finance our programs in the past.

Although the proposed grant is not committed, we will be requesting about $500,000 per year plus annual inflation indexing. At that rate, the Grant would contribute $2.7 million over 5 years or 65% of the program budget.

As our program grows, we propose to request additional Provincial Grant dollars to cover that growth.

Municipal

Since 1975, the Board has issued a 10 mil levy to District municipalities and villages. The levy, which generates about $75,000 a year, is based on the equalized assessed value of rateable land. *We do not anticipate raising the levy in the next 5 years.*

In addition to the fixed levy, District municipalities have supported ongoing and new projects with voluntary grants to the Board. We have assumed that the voluntary grants, totalling about $80,000 a year, will continue.

The combined 10 mil levy and grants would generate $772,000 over the next 5 years, or about 19% of the program.

Other Sources

Other sources of funding include payments from benefiting landowners, special interest groups and federal and provincial agencies. Our present Agri-Food program is an example of a project funded by outside sources.

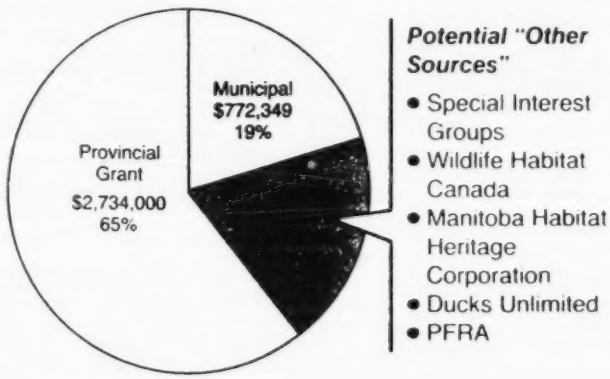
The Board is placing a high priority on its efforts to increase external funding to help finance the program. Our Manager will play a key role in securing outside funding.

We estimate that outside sources will contribute $670,000 over the next 5 years, or about 16% of the program.

Money from Municipal Sources: 10 Mil Levy/Grants

	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	Total
R.M. of Ochre River	21,671	21,671	23,838	23,838	23,838	114,856
R.M. of Ste. Rose	20,287	20,287	22,316	22,316	22,316	107,522
R.M. of McCreary	17,783	17,783	19,561	19,561	19,561	94,249
Village of Ste. Rose du Lac	3,600	3,600	3,960	3,960	39,601	19,080
R.M. of Dauphin	3,158	3,158	3,474	3,474	3,474	16,738
Village of McCreary	1,990	1,990	2,190	2,190	2,190	10,550
R.M. of Lawrence	1,035	1,035	1,140	1,140	1,140	5,490
L.G.D. of Alonsa	447	447	492	492	492	2,370
R.M. of Rosedale	282	282	310	310	310	1,494
Sub-Total	70,253	70,253	77,281	77,281	77,281	372,349
Grants	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	400,000
TOTAL	150,253	150,253	157,281	157,281	157,281	772,349

Sources of Program Funding 5-Year Summary



Potential "Other Sources"

- Special Interest Groups
- Wildlife Habitat Canada
- Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation
- Ducks Unlimited
- PFRA

Long-Range Goals and Objectives

- Our long-term goal is to encourage wise use and integrated management and development of District resources through cooperation with federal, provincial, and municipal governments, and local residents.

- We will take a leadership role in local soil and water management to preserve the long-term viability of our agricultural industry and to maintain or improve the quality of District soils.

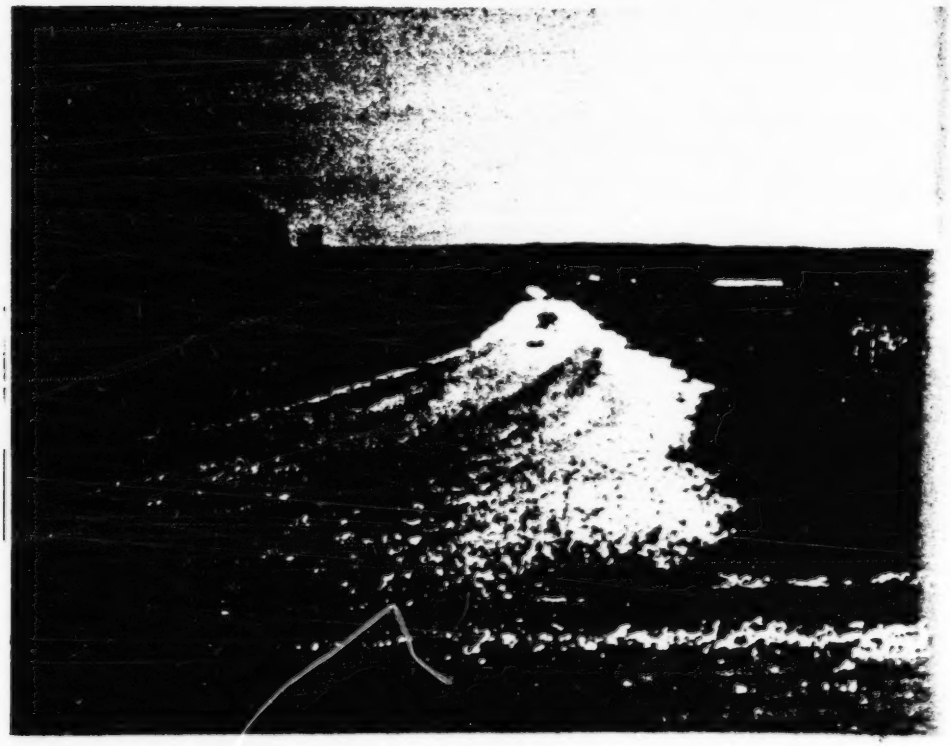
- We propose to plan, develop, and maintain land drainage and other water control works necessary to maximize agricultural productivity and minimize damage from flooding and erosion.

- We will attempt to ensure that the quality and quantity of surface and groundwater in the District is protected such that present and future users are not adversely affected.

- We support the formation of new conservation districts in other river systems draining into Lake Dauphin as a means of improving the lake.

We are also committed to working with Riding Mountain National Park and the Provincial Government to investigate ways of improving water management on major streams flowing from the Park into Lake Dauphin.

We will continue to acquire key parcels of marginal land to serve as multi-purpose natural areas.



- We propose to help the municipalities discourage the development of marginal agricultural and residential lands subject to flooding. Wherever possible, we will, in conjunction with the municipalities, follow provincial policies and regulations on land use and development.
- We will encourage municipalities and farmers to maintain or increase permanent vegatative cover on erodible lands along the escarpment.
- We place a high priority on acquiring funds from outside agencies in support of our long-range goals and objectives.
- We are committed to investigating alternatives for reducing the local financial burden of managing crossings in the District.
- In fisheries and wildlife management, we propose to act as a catalyst to encourage and promote local programs that complement government and Board objectives to preserve, enhance, or create wildlife habitat.
- The protection of natural, cultural and historic resources will be part of our program.
- We will continue to ensure that all citizens and municipal councils in the District are given opportunities to participate in Board programs, planning, and decision-making.
- We propose to prepare an annual newsletter to keep all households posted on recent accomplishments and upcoming projects.

How to get Involved

We appreciated your response to the "Issues and Options" pamphlet we sent out in the spring.

But we still need your opinions and suggestions.

Here are some of the ways you can continue to give us your feedback to help shape the final management plan.

Attend Open Houses
This winter we will be hosting informal open houses again in Ste. Rose du Lac, Ochre River, McCreary and possibly other locations.

Dates and times will be announced in the Dauphin Herald and Neepawa Press.

The Board will also be meeting with councils to discuss the Draft Plan.

Make a Presentation to the Board
If you are thinking of making a presentation to the Board, we would like to hear from you. Just call any of the Board members.

Our Manager will also be available to make presentations to organizations or groups.

Talk to Sub-district Members
Talk to Municipal Councils
We will continue to work closely with municipal councils.

The municipal councils are represented on our sub-district committees. Let them know your ideas and suggestions.

Call Us
Call the office in Ste. Rose du Lac at 447-2139.

Write or Drop In

Our address is:
Turtle River Watershed
Conservation District
Box 449
Ste. Rose du Lac, Manitoba
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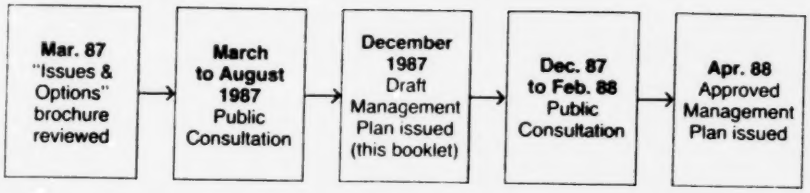
Our phone number is **447-2139.**

Or drop in and see us in the Municipal Building!

Planning Process



What Happens Next?

Once we have your comments and suggestions on this Draft Management Plan, and have reviewed it with government, we will use your feedback to prepare a Management Plan for the District. We expect to complete the Management Plan by April 1988.

When the Management Plan has been completed, we will forward it to the Provincial Conservation Districts Commission and the Minister of Natural Resources for final approval, probably early next spring.

With that approval, we will have a final Management Plan for the District.

Once the final Management Plan is out, we intend to send you a summary of it as an overall guideline and reference for helping put the plan into effect.

The Board feels that planning does not end with the Management Plan. We will continue to make sure that our efforts keep meeting the needs of the District.